MESSAGE

FROM THE

Preſident of the United States,

INCLOSING

A REPORT TO HIM,

FROM THE

Director of the Mint,

ON THE

State of the Buſineſs committed to his Superintendance,

AND

A STATEMENT

OF THE

COINAGE AT THE MINT,

During the year 1798.

31ſt January, 1799.

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Gentlemen of the SENATE, and Gentlemen of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I HAVE received a report from the Director of the Mint, on the ſtate of the buſineſs committed to his ſuperintendance, and a ſtatement of the coinage at the Mint of the United States, for the year 1798, which it is proper to lay before Congreſs.

JOHN ADAMS.

January 31ſt, 1799.

To the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

THE Director of the Mint thinks it his duty to renew his annual report, on the ſtate of the buſineſs committed to his ſuperintendance, for the information of government.

With pleaſure he refers the Preſident to the incloſed returns of iſſues of the ſeveral ſpecies of coin from the mint, ſince the firſt of January, 1798; during which time the coinage has been ſtopped near three months, occaſioned by the late calamitous fever, and the decay of ſome of the machinery. Yet by theſe returns, it will appear that the coinage of gold amounts in value to 205,610 dollars—that of ſilver to 330,291 dollars, and that of copper to 9,797 dollars—in the whole amounting to 545,698 dollars, exceeding in value nearly double what has ever been coined at the mint in any one preceding year, and increaſes the whole amount of the coinage, ſince the commencement of the buſineſs in October, 1794, to 483,245 dollars, in gold—792,643 dollars and 75 cents, in ſilver; and 41,004 dollars and 74 cents, in copper, amounting in the whole to 1,316,893 dollars and 49 cents.

From information the Director has received, he has no doubt but there will be a full ſupply of ſilver bullion for the enſuing year, at the preſent eſtabliſhment of the mint, and the frequent depoſits of gold, give him encouragement to ſuppoſe a proportionate ſupply of that precious metal will be kept up. The pre-

ſent arrangement with regard to copper coin, will enable the Director, during the courſe of the next ſummer, to ſupply any demand that is likely to be made for cents; and at preſent there are a conſiderable number on hand.

The Director cannot, with propriety, cloſe this report, without mentioning, that during the laſt ſummer a ſcheme was diſcovered for robbing the mint, by perſons out of it, in concert with one perſon employed in the mint; and although the offenders have been detected, proſecuted and puniſhed, yet it fully juſtifies the obſervations heretofore offered to the Preſident, on the unprotected ſtate of the mint, to which the Director begs leave to refer.

All which is reſpectfully ſubmitted to the Preſident.

ELIAS BOUDINOT, *Director.*

Mint of the United States,
January 3d, 1799.

Statement of the Coinage at the Mint of the United States, for the Year 1798.

GOLD COINS.

7,974 Eagles,	*Dols.* 79,740	
24,867 Half Eagles,	124,335	
614 Quarter Eagles,	1,535	
		Dols. 205,610

SILVER COINS.

327,536 Dollars,	*Dols.* 327,536	
27,550 Dimes,	2,755	
		Dols. 330,291

COPPER COINS.

979,700 Cents,	9,797
Dols.	545,698

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
Treasurer's Office,
January 3d, 1799.

BENJAMIN RUSH.